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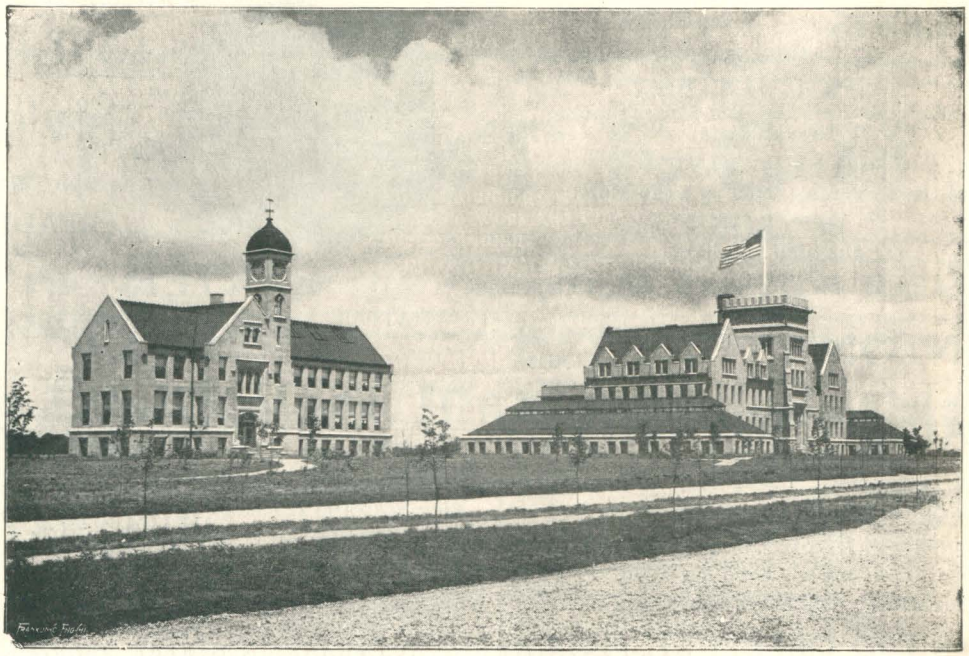

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Is The College Man Impracticable?

WHEN locomotive engineers are esteemed on a par with Plato it is dangerous to talk utilitarianism. And among men professedly practical such discussion may perhaps recall the celebrated fish on dry land. Yet however great the risk, however sentimental the object may seem, we wish, apropos to a recent paper upon the subject in *The Forum*,* to express some thoughts upon the subject of utility, particularly as it ought not to affect college students.

Let me define the practical man. He is uninteresting in his personality; first, because there are so many like him; second, he must inevitably be a mediocre man. His question is: "What's that good for?" He has an eye for beauty if there is something in it. Music interests him as coming from a remarkably constructed pipe-organ or oboe. He plugs two hours per day without interruption over a period of a quarter at the words in "Hermann und Dorothea," because "one ought not to finish his German education without having read 'Hermann und Dorothea.'" Like Mr. Gradgrind, he must have facts. Although the most successful dramatist, as Macauley says in his Essay on Milton, is he who most successfully keeps himself out of sight, your practical man will wonder why Goethe used the adjective of old high German preferably to the one of French origin; where Shakespeare got the idea of, "I know not why I am so sad." The practical man can tell you where to find the date of the Battle of Hastings, but ten to one he won't know it. As to poetry, why one can never make anything out of that. In short, nothing is of value unless it contributes directly or indirectly to man's necessities or comforts or teaches the mind how to do that practically.

If you accept my definition you will agree with me that a utilitarian spirit is most unlovely. But my object in writing this paper is to present, according to the editor's request, some of Mr. Jones' accusations of the college man as he presents them in his article on college students and their practicability.

Dreamy idealism, confesses the writer, and an inability to get into working relations with the world is the common result of the four years' college training. That the alumnus of five years' standing scoffs at the codes and conventions of college life. He looks back upon it as a "Lotus-eaters' Land." That college ideas had to be knocked out of him before he could make five dollars a week.

"The late Mr. Huntington found the college man wanting in strenuousness and reliability. Everyone has to be 'waked up' to the facts of life. His world is a topsy-turvydom where everything stands on its head. * * * He is sure that society will forgive his shortcomings because he is such a charming fellow. And indeed he often is. The public mind surrounds the college with an aura of romance and sentiment. It calls it four golden years of genial companionship, generous rivalry and ideal aims. It is like Tennyson's 'Island-Valley of Avilion'

> 'Where falls not hail or rain or any snow
> Nor ever winds blow loudly'

except the college yell. The burdens and

* The paper in question is "Is the College Graduate Impracticable?" by Robert Ellis Jones, in the January *Forum*. It is well worth reading.—Ed.

realities of the world are alike excluded. All this is injurious nonsense. * * * What is the function of a college? The characteristic function of a college is no longer the purveyance of erudition. If the college has to leave the task of 'waking up' the graduate by compelling him to take sane and manly views of life, to the business office, it is a useless thing."

To the thoughtful man such philosophy seems to make life itself a useless thing. Are men born to move machines? Has mind been given man to scheme how most effectively to ply his trade? Have love, beauty and poetry no place in life? If they have not, life is a utilitarian uselessness.

May I here express some thoughts concerning the principle most aptly illustrated, perhaps, by the lady from Pekin who boasted of the quantity of poetry she had read in a given time, as if rich fancies and noble thoughts were to be despatched as are beefsteaks aboard the boats on the river. True appreciation of the lovely and grand and noble is utterly annihilated by such treatment. Imagine, if you can, Shakespeare writing up the love of Juliet at a dollar a line, or, more directly, conceive of him as being able to give us Shylock by virtue of having diligently read two hundred and twenty-five lines of "The Jew of Malta" daily!

Thus it is a martyrdom eminently worthy of pity if the man imbued with high thoughts and ever-recurring visions of beauty finds the commonplace upon his graduation forcing him to self-apostacy. What if college students are, as a rule, unable to amass huge fortunes or make plows as successfully as they who think less; are they therefore to be regarded unworthy of attention or love? May we hope that that crowning grace of humanity, that principle through which we commune with all that is lovely, which mellows the pictures of memory into pensive beauty, which irradiates hope with an unearthly brightness, may not die from the earth.

No! utilitarian as is the tendency of our age, potent as may be the dollar, so long as nightly come the stars, and suns sink into golden clouds; so long as bright eyes speak their love, and our earth is visited by visions of beauty, dreams of love and hopes of heaven; while our lives are bound up in mystery, made lovely by affection and solemnized in death, so long will there be those who will

"Consider the lilies of the field,"

and although perhaps hastily, bend at the altar of beauty in passing by.

> "I envy not in any moods,
> The captive shorn of noble rage,
> The linnet born within the cage
> Who does not know the summer woods."

W.

John Marshall Day

A new day was added to the calendar of commemoration days this year. This was the hundredth anniversary of John Marshall's accession to the chief-justiceship of the Supreme Court of the United States. The occasion was fittingly celebrated at Bradley on Monday, Feb. 4. After a prayer by Rev. Fisher, Dean Sisson made an address of welcome to the students and teachers of Peoria High School, who had been invited on this occasion. Judson Starr spoke on "John Marshall, the Normal Statesman," and "Some Decisions of Marshall and Their Influence on United States History" was the subject of Judge Winslow Evans' discourse. After short addresses by Principal Beasley of the High School and President O. J. Bailey, the assembly sang "America."

Mr. Bailey has the thanks of the institute for the picture of Justice Marshall, and Shipper & Block for their help in the decorations.

Gnothautii

The literary society has done some good work this last month. Not the least of this was the consideration of institute songs. We need some good songs, just to liven things up. A committee composed of Misses Mildred Faville and Anna Tjaden and Messrs. O'Rear and Wabeke has been appointed to take care of the matter and report at the next meeting, which will be held next Monday.

Seniors Organize

The class of 1901 met Tuesday, Feb. 5, and organized by electing Geo. R. MacClyment president, Annie C. Tracy vice-president, and Bess Weirick secretary and treasurer.

Extension Lectures

The institute has arranged for several series of free lectures at different towns surrounding Peoria. These lectures are doing much good for Bradley by letting people see what kind of men we have here, and giving them a sort of insight into Bradley's many branches of instruction. A course at Benton was opened Feb. 8, by Director Sisson's lecture on "Macbeth." Dr. Wyckoff will give his lecture on "China," on March 8, at the same place. Dr. Burgess delivered "The Roman in His Home," at Green Valley, last Tuesday. Other lectures are being arranged for this town. At Pekin, last Friday, was given "Wireless Telegraphy," by Prof. Bishop. Dr. Wyckoff will lecture on "China" at Pekin, March 10. The lectures by Dr. Burgess and Prof. Bishop were illustrated, and George Ramsey, the efficient physics assistant, manipulated the lantern in both cases.

Athletic Benefit

Preparations for the athletic benefit play are going on rapidly. The play chosen, "Esmeralda," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, is a bright one and the following excellent cast has been selected: Misses Holzapfel, Kelly, Proctor and Weirick; Messrs. O'Rear, Sweetser, Armstrong, Foote, Hasbrouck and Rice. The histrionic proclivities of this group are well known, and they will, without the least doubt, put on the best show ever given in Peoria. Chairman Rice has not fixed on the date, but it will be early in March. Remember, they are looking for your support.

Day of Prayer

Sunday, Feb. 10, was observed at Bradley as Day of Prayer for colleges. The meeting this year was in charge of Miss Adelia Swanson and Harold C. Brubaker, and was the most successful ever held. The general topic was "What is True Education?" It was ably discussed by Profs. Sisson, Kedzie and Spohr and Students Sweetser, Wabeke, Bourland, Calvert, Greenman, W. C. Brubaker, A. Kellogg, E. P. Stowell, C. G. Williams, Rice, Knapp and O. J. Schimpff. Dr. Wyckoff led in prayer.

Bradley Briefs

"There was more foolery yet, if I could remember it."—"JULIUS CAESAR."

EVEN the girls enjoy Mrs. Clarke's pies.

HARRY HAMMOND has had another hair cut.

MISS MARY PROCTOR was ill a few weeks ago.

WASHINGTON'S birthday will be a holiday at Bradley.

TOM GRIER has been sick with the grip for a week or so.

ROSS SEATON visited his many friends at Bradley, the 8th.

THE TECH poster this month is the work of Herschel Gibson.

WHEN a girl doesn't get any valentines, she thinks they are silly.

MISS VONNA RITCHIE spent a few days in Champaign, recently.

VASSAR COLLEGE has put Bradley Institute on its accredited list.

SOME of the boys found that there are a few inquisitive girls left yet.

FISHER (in geometry)—"I will now bisect this line into three parts."

MISS CLARA KEMPSHALL will not attend school the rest of the term.

WE understand that Bradley is getting a reputation as a counter-jumper.

GEORGE MACCLYMENT spent Sunday, Feb. 3, with his relatives at Wyoming.

MRS. KEDZIE did not meet her classes Friday, Feb. 1, being absent lecturing.

PORTER enjoyed a short visit from his friend, Walker, of Watseka, Feb. 13.

HEARD in the German room: "Die Jungfrau Marie"—"The young lady Mary."

WHAT is this we hear about Porter not being able to locate his French lessons?

IT is reported that Alpha Pi had a box party at *Prince Otto*. But then, that's just a report.

W. W. HAMMOND, Mrs. Bradley's attorney, is taking a well-earned vacation in California.

BROWN is thinking seriously of taking a law course with one of Pekin's prominent judges.

RAMSEY says he doesn't care if Prof. Bishop lectures at Pekin every week or even oftener.

Grant Miles gave a Valentine party the 14th to about forty of his friends.

PROF. BENNETT entertained the Arts and Crafts club at his home last Saturday evening.

WILLIAMS (in biology)—"Miss Morehouse, would you call the crayfish an insect or an animal?"

DR. BURGESS (in Latin): "If you find a sort of bald-headed face on the shield, that will be Phidias."

THAT versatile genius Ramsey is still taking fencing lessons. Ramsey can do everything but German.

A GAME of "Hare and Hounds" by Sigma Tau Beta, at Bradley Park soon is the next great athletic event.

MR. CRAWSHAW—"Swanson, haven't you a class this hour?" Swanson—"Yes, sir, but I've got a headache."

INSTRUCTOR BRESLICH recently enjoyed a visit from his brother-in-law, Rev. Mr. Leoppert, of Streator, Ill.

THE little tin cup, which used to do duty at the drinking fountain in the hall, has mysteriously disappeared.

MISS MARY ALICE HOLMAN was forced to remain at home a week on account of grip, but is now back again.

FRED LUCAS O'REAR, the heavy tragedian, is practicing before the looking glass for the coming Athletic Benefit.

WHAT was it Tobe carried around so carefully the other Friday afternoon, over which the girls were so curious?

Miss Spohr chaperoned another of those jolly infomal dances last Friday afternoon. Their popularity increases.

MISS MAUDE OLMSTEAD has been very seriously ill for the past three weeks, but is now able to be back at her work.

DR. BURGESS says Andromache has been painted many times. Some modern women have also been painted many times.

AT THE State Farmers' Institute, at Jacksonville, this week, Mrs. Kedzie has entire charge of the domestic economy department.

DR. MCILVAINE certainly made a hit with the students when he told them not to get up in the morning when they first wake up.

BERT BARTHOLOMEW'S solos at noon are very enjoyable and attract a large audience. Guess we'll have to start a minstrel show, too.

BOB EWING has been called to Chicago on account of the serious illness of his brother, Will, whom many will remember as an old student.

DR. MCILVAINE made the monthly chapel talk for January. His subject was "The Care of Our Health," and his "Don'ts" were especially good.

ALPHA PI has moved into the whole lower floor of 401 South University street, and is preparing to have a few quiet social evenings in its new quarters.

KELLAR has just perfected and put into operation a very successful system of mail delivery, one which we believe the postal authorities should investigate.

BRADLEY girls can cook; there is no doubt of it. One of the boys, a pie expert, too, ate three pieces of one pie and said that it tasted "more-ish" clear to the end.

DR. WYCKOFF says that teachers tell their students lots of lies. We were glad to hear this as we always suspected that it was true. Now our suspicions are confirmed.

TUESDAY evening, Feb. 5, a number of institute people took a fine sleigh ride. After the ride the crowd enjoyed an oyster supper at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Davis.

IN the *Herald-Transcript* of Jan. 27, a half page was given to drawings by Rich. Cutler, a former Bradley student now under the instruction of some of New York's best artists.

THE council has passed resolutions recommending to the faculty the starting of an annual for Bradley. It is understood that the college has it in charge. An annual would be a good thing.

MANY Bradley people enjoyed the High School Minstrels, Feb. 8. The Minstrels is one of the events of the year, and this year was better than ever before. Holtsman and Reeder were the stars.

PROF. C. A. BENNETT goes to Chicago, Feb. 23, to attend a meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association. One forenoon of the session will be given over to manual training.

PRESIDENT HARPER and Dr. Small, of the University of Chicago, will be down early in March to attend a meeting of the board of trustees. It is to be hoped that Dr. Small will give us another of his excellent chapel talks.

SEVERAL members of the Royal Tyrolean Concert Troupe were shown through the school, Feb. 7, and afterwards sang for the students. Their singing was beautiful and was well received. Only one of the party could speak English.

IN THE April number of Prof. Bennett's *Manual Training Magazine,* Mr. Bennett himself will have an illustrated article, "An Experiment in Wood-Turning," which describes in some detail the work successfully inaugurated at Bradley last year.

PHI LAMBDA XI has lost an esteemed and valued member in the person of Frank D. Murray, who has just left school and now occupies a bench at Brown's Business College. Murray has been a Bradley student for three years and is well known and liked by institute people.

MISS HELEN BARTLETT gave the last of her series of lectures on "The Arthurian Legends," last Friday evening. This series is one of the best of the many that have been given at the institute. Miss Bartlett succeeded in telling in good style many things which were new to her audiences.

MR. CHAS. A. FARNAM, principal of the La-Salle township high school, visited the Manual Arts and Domestic Economy Departments Feb. 1. Manual Training will probably be introduced into his school and Mr. Farnam wanted to see these branches of work at their best, so he came to Bradley.

THE Sunday *Journal* of Feb. 3, contained some good portraits of Bradley's prominent base ball players, including Capt. Porter, Mgr. MacClyment, Coach Gibson, Ted Brown, Lackersteen, Miller and Fuller. Along with this was published an article setting forth our chances of winning every game on the schedule.

THE TECH editors regret the loss from the staff of their able local editor, Mr. Wilson Oakford, who has left school, to take a position with Oakford & Fahnestock. Oakford was a valuable man to have around and we miss him. He has been a Bradley student since the opening of the institute and has many friends here.

MRS. BRADLEY has taken considerable interest in the patriotic ceremonies on John Marshall day and Lincoln's birthday. She believes that these demonstrations should be encouraged. She appreciates a good meeting of this kind and is glad to have her favorite songs, "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," sung on these occasions.

DR. J. B. GARNER has been called to his home in Lebanon, Ind., on account of the very serious illness of Mrs. Garner. Mrs. Garner has been an invalid for several years, but has never been so low as she is now. Dr. and Mrs. Garner have the sympathy of the entire student body in this time of trouble. Mr. Garner is directing his chemistry work from his home, and Mr. Norwood Gibson is assisting in the department during his absence.

WHEN THE TECH came over the campus to school the other morning a glare of yellow met its eyes from where Bradley Institute formerly stood. A closer inspection of the phenomenon revealed the fact that during the night some miscreant had nailed Bradley Hall to a gigantic yellow thermometer. The chilly reception which this thermometer got rapidly brought the mercury down below zero. "Take it away!"

THE Higher Academy held its election for council on Tuesday, Jan. 29. The young ladies nominated Lillian Summers and Miriam Szold, Julia Bourland having refused to stand for renomination. Will Koch and Vic West were nominated by the young men. Miss Szold and Mr. Koch were elected. Both of these are students of ability and are well known in the school. They should take care of the Higher Academy's interests in good shape.

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"When in doubt, tell the truth."—MARK TWAIN.

IN spite of the numerous precautions taken by the editor to have THE TECH as nearly errorless as possible, several glaring mistakes crept into the January number. Two of the worst of these were typographical. The date on the cover should have been January 1901, not 1900. On page nine, several lines were transposed and two of the most pointed editorials were thereby rendered almost void of meaning and effect. Dr. Garner's home was given as Veedersburg, Ind. It should have been Lebanon, Ind. Veedersburg is the home of the illustrious O'Rear. In another item it was stated that Mrs. Kedzie had commenced a series of "ten weekly letters at Purdue University, Purdue, Ind." This should have been ten weekly lectures, and the city, of course, is Lafayette, not Purdue.

Now we are square and will take a fresh start. We present the mid-winter number entirely free from mistakes, we think.

THERE are a few people at Bradley with guilty consciences. Last month we published an article aimed at several disorderly students Within a few minutes, say half an hour, after the paper was delivered there must have been at least twenty persons, and in the course of the day as many more, asked the editor if they were the people referred to. Now, we didn't have any idea there were so many people at the institute "who do not come here to work," and these inquiries were surprises. For the benefit of these students we recommend an old adage which goes something like this: "If the shoe fits, wear it." The editorial seems to have gone over the heads of the few at which it was aimed, for they still persist in doing the same tricks. We will have to get something to scatter the shot.

A GYMNASIUM; we need one. Yes, if there is one thing on this earth which Bradley needs more than all the others it is a gymnasium. The need is felt more just now when we are unable to secure the use of the Y. M. C. A. "gym." There will be nearly six weeks yet in which there can be no training whatever, and then the base ball season opens on the home grounds with the game with Lincoln, within three weeks from the end of winter. Considerable can be done in three weeks of out-of-door practice, but what might it not amount to if supplemented with three months of gymnasium work. The same is true of track and field work. It will be almost impossible to do anything before May 1, when out-door training can be regularly taken. So, you see, we need a gymnasium and need it badly.

If some rich Peorian wants to be remembered and honored through all the coming ages, let him now step forward with a little donation of, say $75,000, just to start the thing. We will name the building for him and the athletic field shall bear his name. We will dedicate one whole edition of THE TECH to him, and devote many pages to singing his praises. What will we not do for him? Verily, there is nothing that shall not be his for the asking, and his name shall live forever. We must have that gymnasium, and that right soon.

Stolen

The man who merely skims does not always get the cream.—*Saturday Evening Post.*

Most people can't think without sitting down to it.—*Chicago Record.*

Social

"Welcome ever smiles, and farewell goes out sighing."—SHAKESPEARE.

Unusually good sleighing the past few weeks has made sport foi many and the numerous parties testify this fact. On Tuesday night, Feb. 5, Miss Gladys Corning entertained a few friends at a "bob" party. Those present were Misses Corning, Proctor, Seiberling, Seaton, Seward, Stetson, Pedrick; Messrs. Binnian, Ewing, Walker, Proctor, Foote.

Thursday night, Feb. 7, the Sigma Tau Betas entertained their friends by a bob ride. Those enjoying it were Misses Proctor, Corning, Ritchie, Parker, Pedrick, Stetson, Seaton, Seward, Peters, Seiberling; Messrs. Ewing, Walker, Binnian, Foote, Miles, Kenyon, Off, Proctor, Parker, King. Miss Kelly chaperoned the party. Saturday evening the young ladies returned the party by one equally enjoyable.

Friday night, Feb. 8, Miss Bernice Hall gave a very enjoyable "stag" party. Those enjoying Miss Hall's hospitality were: Misses Corning, Proctor, Hall, Stetson, Peters, Seward, Keith, Seaton, Seiberling, Parker, Hudson, Pedrick, Kennedy. [NOTE—Walter Parker says this was a "hen" party.]

Sigma Tau Beta gave its quarterly banquet in their club rooms Saturday evening, Feb. 2. Plates were set for fourteen on one long table handsomely decorated in black and gold, the frat. colors. Although the affair was of an informal nature, a lengthy menu was served.

Several receptions have been held lately in honor of the newly married members of the faculty. Among these were one at the home of W. W. Hammond, on Jan. 22, for Mr. and Mrs. Comstock, and one given by Mrs. Kedzie, a week ago last Friday, at the "Coop," for Mr. and Mrs. Plant. At both of these places all the members of the faculty were present, as well as a number of townspeople.

The Tri Kappa girls had a theater party at Otis Skinner's play, *Prince Otto.* The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Proctor and Mrs. Kelly. The girls did not go home on the cars nor on foot. How was this journey accomplished?

Misses Proctor, Bourland, Hensley and Weirick and Messrs. Sweetser, Hasbrouck and Off represented Bradley at a bob party of city folks Monday, Feb. 4. After riding around town and into the country for a mile or two they returned to a dinner, given by Miss Rachel Goss, a former Bradley student.

Miss Louise Rider entertained the Tri Kappa's at her home in Pekin, Saturday, Feb. 2. The girls say they never had a better time nor better things to eat. Those present were Misses Proctor, Hensley, Perlee, Faville, Rider, Holman, Bell, Kelly, Bourland, Weirick, Bryan.

Director and Mrs. Sisson entertained the Knox alumni in Peoria, on the evening of Feb. 2, at their home on Fredonia avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Comstock and Dr. Wyckoff are Bradley graduates of Knox. The rest of the faculty were also invited.

Alpha Pi had a "house-warming" at its new rooms last Friday evening and asked all its young lady friends to share the jollity. Those invited were Misses Proctor, Hensley, Williams, Holman, Faville, Tracy, Bourland, Wiley, Weirick, Vickery, Durley, Weyhrich, Kelly, Olmstead, Bryan, Schimpff, Hedrich, Cowell, Leonard, Holzapfel, Hart, Rider, Bell, Perlee, Reed and Jobst. Miss Abigail Holman and Miss Swingle chaperoned the crowd.

Mr. Fred O'Rear entertained at dinner Friday, Feb. 1. Those enjoying "sherbet with meals" were Misses Hensley and Kelly; Messrs. O'Rear, Hasbrouck and Holman.

A reception, or rather social, for students, held in the chapel on the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 25, under the auspices of the council, was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year. The committee of the council in charge was composed of Dean Bartlett, Miss Bourland and Mr. Neef. We hope the council will have another one of these socials right away.

Horological

BARNES, the cream puff man.

THAT dollar worried me.—NOLING.

WE *won't* publish all about Parry.

THE Bridge of Sighs—Thornberry.

G. W. THOMPSON is on the sick list.

"WHICH way am I wentin'."—CARTER.

Now, if it were ——— ———.VANNOY.

RAMSDELL is said to excel in pearl diving.

YES, Sport, those drills are O. K.—BECK.

HAGEY, an old-time student is in school again.

SANGER leads in the farmyard chorus at 7 a. m.

I DON'T know any thing about it, if I am the janitor.

THEY are off in a bunch—Shields and Brooks.

SMITH is still looking for the "large fire tweezers."

HEMPLE, who was seriously ill, has entirely recovered.

MILLS and Amstutz successfully passed the Optics exam.

A NEW comer at the Hash House has a beautiful snore.

ANY figures on five-pointed stars I can give you?—URBAHNS.

KLUNE took a trip to Galesburg and says he had a good time.

NIMMERFALL left for his home in Nashville, Tenn., on the 6th.

IT is said Fox did not get that second piece of turkey Sunday.

BOAL, by his fondness for blankets, shows he's a true Indian.

OH, I say, don't you like the way I come down stairs.—CLEAVE.

C. A. MOTT, after an absence of two years, has returned to school.

OH, yes, those are genuine English goods. No tariff on them, either.

THERE are moments when one wants to be alone.—LILLEY and DILLEY.

SEE here, Hicks, don't put things in Monte's pocket and blame the kid.

RICHARDSON is thinking seriously of taking a course in sewing at the Poly.

W. W. THOMPSON and Barnes are thinking of moving in from their farm.

C. LANG, of Coffeyville, Kan., a former student, is back at school again.

BUREN has changed his rooming place. He says he was left in the cold too much.

WE are glad to say that Anderson has recovered from a severe attack of pneumonia.

BOARDERS at a Fredonia avenue boarding house have a special "car" to school every day.

A CERTAIN young man in the "C" room walks for his heart's sake—not his pocket book.

MCKEE, you had better pay the balance of the $500, and remember combs are not furnished.

CARTER—"This watch won't run." PROF. PHILLIPS—"Well, you have been working with it."

MAZONE finds that the bench in the corner has other advantages besides light. The view is magnificent.

THEO. LIEBE, a former student, has bought out his employer at The Dalles, Ore., and will start in the jewelry business for himself.

A. J. WARD was called home on account of the death of his father. The students extend sympathy to their friend in his bereavement.

A NEW disease in Optics: "Hypo-astigmatism." A peculiar feature of the disease is that it affects the end of the tongue in the early stages.

That dog isn't my property.—WILL THOMPSON.

Or mine, either: it's the other Thompson's. —G. WASHINGTON THOMPSON.

GREAT rivalry is exhibited between Dow and Long for the leading role in Uncle Tom's Cabin. Until recently Dilley has been starring in this drama.

THE students in the finishing room were very anxious over one of their number; they feared he had been Pat Crowed, but it seems he was only taking a three-day lay off.

VISITORS of Cleave and Anderson in the Hash House are commenting very favorably on the arrangement of their room. But then the boys have many pictures of—well, ask Cleave.

CRAWFORD PHILLIPS tried feeding main springs to a pug dog, which followed him to school, in order to make a watch dog out of him; but he, like the other dog, liked rubbers, and Crawford turned him out.

J. C. DUEBER, president of the Dueber-Hampden Watch Co., of Canton, Ohio, made the Horological a flying visit the afternoon of the 5th. He had been booked for a short talk on the "History of Watchmaking in America," but owing to lack of time, this had to be postponed. He has promised, however, to return to give this lecture in the near future and the students are anticipating.

THE following new "gold bricks" were enrolled during the past month: J. M. Shields, Frankford, W. Va.; C. M. McKee, Kentland, Ind.; J. C. Guy, Temperton, Ia.; W. C. Crawford, Portland, Ore.; W. M. Kinney, Westfield, N. Y.; F. W. Ramsdell, Lampasas, Tex.; H. Fox, Dunkirk, N. Y.; W. H. Dow, Pittsfield, N. Y.; Geo. F. Imig, Sheboygan, Wis.; B. Fortney, Indianola, Ia.; H. C. Cox, Owensville, Ind.; J. W. White, Bellaire, Ohio; F. J. Uehlein, Rock Island, Ill.; D. Menton, Kahoka, Mo.

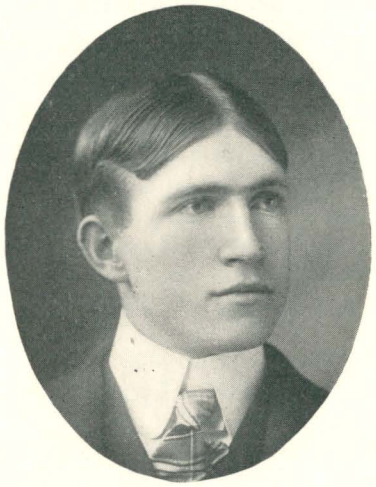
THOMPSON, in a spirit of kindheartedness, brought a stray pup, which he had found on a cold corner, to school the other day and locked him in the cloak room. The dog, left to his own resources, to appease his hunger, attacked a pair of rubbers and liking the diet tried overshoes. He was eating voraciously when found by Thompson. It wasn't the necessity of paying for the articles destroyed that hurt Thompson's heart, it was the ingratitude of the animal, for Thompson had divided his lunch with him. Now, Thompson, being lenient with the offender, gave him to Shanghai to take care of until after school. The dog with the insatiable appetite, on arriving at Shanghai's room, devoured a pair of slippers and a hat. It is needless to state that the relations between Shanghai and Thompson are strained and that the pup is out in the cold, cold world again.

Athletics

"All time and money spent in training the body pays a larger interest than any other investment."—GLADSTONE.

Higher Academy Election

The Higher Academy held its election for athletic board on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Ted Brown had been nominated against Albert F. Triebel who has held the office for the past year. Brown won by a score of 53 to 30.



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DELOS BROWN, JR.
Representing the Higher Academy on the Athletic Board.

There was nothing the matter with Triebel personally, but his politics were bad.

It is doubtful if the Higher Academy ever had a more satisfactory representative than Mr. Triebel. He managed the foot ball team last fall and it is significant that the team won every game it played and that it was the only team of any kind ever at Bradley that finished the season with financial profit. Last spring he managed the first Bradley track team, and it was mainly through his efforts in working up the interest in the meets that the team was as successful as it was. It will be some time before anyone is found who will work so hard or do his work so well as Mr. Triebel. However, as Dr. Burgess says, it is a good thing, theoretically, at least, to pass the offices

around, and we do not believe that the Higher Academy erred in judgment or misplaced its confidence when it elected Delos Brown, Jr., to succeed Mr. Triebel. Mr. Brown has been at the institute for three years and has been on the base ball team every year. He managed the team last spring and gave Bradley one of the best schedules it ever had. He covers short stop in fine style, and is without doubt the best base runner among the secondary schools of Central Illinois. He also indulges in track athletics, and, with Joe Kilver, is our main standby in the sprints.

Track and Field

At this time of year our attention is attracted about equally by track athletics and base ball, but it is to the former that we should be giving most of our thought, for the latter can almost be said to take care of itself. As regards track and field athletics we are in much better shape than we were last year. We know what we have done and how much more we will have to do. The only drawback to the whole business is the want of a gymnasium. A simple statement of the few track and field records at Bradley will help us appreciate the situation. The events, with records and names of holders, are as follows: Joe Kilver holds the records for fifty-yard dash, 5 3-5 sec.; hundred-yard dash, 11 2-5 sec.; and the one hundred and twenty yard hurdles, 16 sec. Tracy Hancock holds the record for the high jump, 4 feet, 10 inches, and Robert Cherry that for the standing broad jump, 9 feet, 2 inches. The running broad jump, 17 feet, 2 inches, is held by Willis Fuller, who also holds the record for the hammer throw, 111 feet, 7 inches. W. H. Davis holds the record for the shot put, 37 feet. While some of these records are low and there are not very many, all told, they are our first attempt and are nothing to be ashamed of. Some of them are close to national amateur records, but others will have to be much better if we expect to do much in this branch of athletics. Still there is hardly any doubt but what we shall be able to defeat the high school and perhaps hope to compete with other schools with some slight show of success.

As to material for a track team, we have most of last year's team and of course there will be additions. In the short dashes and hurdles we have Brown, MacClyment and Kilver, and in the longer runs Brown and Gibson. These men can easily take care of the high school sprinters. Hancock and Hasbrouck will handle the high jump, Cherry the standing broad jump, and Willis Fuller and Triebel the running broad jump. For the weights we have Davis, and Walter and Willis Fuller. In the pole vault we have Brubaker, who took second for the high school at the dual last year. Hasbrouck is the only man in sight at present for the bicycles. Then there is a promising collection of candidates, including Koch, Kraemer, Lackersteen and others for whom no place can be assigned.

Frank F. Hasbrouck, who captained last year's team, will manage the team this year. Hasbrouck is a good man with considerable experience and ability, and should bring the team through successfully. Altogether the prospects are very bright.

Base Ball

Base ball talk has already begun, and from the outlook it would seem that Bradley will more than hold her already enviable position in this branch of athletics. Albert Porter, who has so ably generaled the Maroons in other years, has been unanimously elected captain for this year. He reports a large and likely bunch of candidates for all positions. If from these candidates we can select a good pitcher, one who can always be relied on, our success is assured. Porter himself is a good pitcher, as was well demonstrated last year, but he dislikes the position and refuses to play it when anyone else can be found. Fuller is probably out of the pitching business forever. Lackersteen pitched fine ball last year, but he is over-confident and occasionally makes costly errors. Schaefer and Lucius will both be back at school in the spring and will take care of the catching. Schaefer still maintains his reputation for being the best amateur catcher in this part of the state, and Lucius by his work last year showed that he was not far behind Schaefer. Kowalk, who did such good work behind the bat for the second team, will also try for the position. If Porter does not

pitch he will again hold down the first bag, MacClyment will fool around second as usual, and Fuller will in all probability occupy Page's old place at third. So far Brown is the only avowed candidate for shortstop. Kilver will be here and try for center field. Kilver was one of the few best fielders who played on Bradley campus last year, and will have no difficulty in holding his old position this year. Miller and Gibson are after field positions. Triebel, O'Rear, Hasbrouck, Lackersteen, Paul and Rhea will also try for positions, and there will be others show up during practice. Taken altogether, this is one of the best lot of candidates ever gotten together so early in the year, and when the boys have been assigned their positions Bradley will have a team to be proud of.

The schedules get harder with succeeding years and this season's is no exception. Manager MacClyment has been doing some hustling since December 1, and presents a schedule which many older and larger schools might find some trouble in beating:

April 13—Lincoln University at Peoria.
April 20—Eureka College at Peoria.
April 22—Knox College at Galesburg.
April 23—Monmouth College at Monmouth.
April 24—Lombard College at Galesburg.
April 25—St. Alban's College at Knoxville.
April 27—Eureka College at Eureka.
May 4—Knox College at Peoria.
May 11—Wesleyan University at Peoria.
May 16—Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind.
May 17—Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Ind.
May 18—Rose Polytechnic at Terre Haute, Ind.
May 25—Lombard College at Peoria.
May 27—Iowa State University at Peoria.
June 1—Rose Polytechnic at Peoria.
June 7—Wesleyan University at Bloomington.
June 8—Lincoln University at Lincoln.
June 10—St. Alban's College at Peoria.
June 15—Monmouth College at Peoria.
June 21—University of Illinois at Peoria (probable).

There may be some slight changes, but the schedule will be played essentially as it is given above. St. Alban's may not play here, and it is likely we shall play Illinois at Champaign on May 16, instead of Purdue at Lafayette.

The budget of expenses for the base ball season presented by Manager MacClyment to the Athletic Board amounts to some $900. This sum includes guarantees to other schools, improvements for the base ball grounds, an entire outfit of new gray suits for the team, advertising and other minor expenses.

It is expected that Norwood Gibson, the crack league twirler and Notre Dame's old star, will be here during the early part of the season and give the boys the benefit of his experience in a little judicious coaching in base-running and batting.

Caught on the Fly

Manager MacClyment expects to uniform the second team and arrange a schedule for it. This will be a welcome innovation and will tend to keep the substitutes and new material in good condition. The second team will also play practice games with the regular team at least three times a week.

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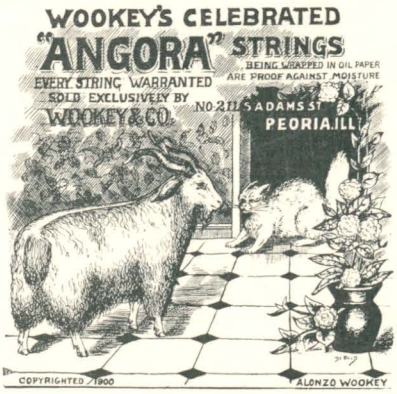

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Roscoe Kellar resigned his position as Lower Academy representative on the athletic board, and Willard Mosher was elected to fill the unexpired term. The election was held last Wednesday. The candidates were Willard Mosher, Frank Becht, John Armstrong and J. C. Collier.

Porter says that conditions for base ball are favorable, but there are a few unremoved conditions which make it rather unfavorable.

Illinois College, Jacksonville, according to the *Rambler,* is figuring on the prospects of a preliminary track meet with Bradley.

There is a sort of epidemic of resignation among athletic officials. We hope this contagion will not spread far enough to include the whole board of athletics and all the managers. That would be awful to contemplate.

Quarterly Hot Time

On the evening of Thursday, Feb. 21, the Social Club will give its second party. The Social Club parties are such great successes that the desire for them has increased. President Ramsey tried to secure another party for this quarter, besides the regular one, but the flinty-hearted faculty would not be worked. The membership now numbers about one hundred and twenty. The committees for the party of this week are as follows: Entertainment, Victor J. West, chairman; Bess Weirick, Mildred Kelly, Mary Alice Holman, Sue Hensley, Frank F. Hasbrouck, Webster P. Holman and Irving J. Sweetser. Decoration, Mildred Faville, chairman; Julia P. Bourland, Mabel Perlee, Ted Brown and Albert L. Porter. Refreshment, Geo. R. MacClyment, chairman; Mary Alice Holman, Minnie Weyhrich, Clara Genevieve Williams, Frank F. Hasbrouck and Geo. W. Ramsey. Reception, Frank F. Hasbrouck, chairman; Bess Weirick, Julia Bourland, Fred O'Rear and Vic. West.

Biological Club

The Biological Club woke up with a vengeance. Miss Morehouse's talk, "Social Habits of Ants," on Jan. 23, was one of the fine lectures of the year and was much enjoyed. The executive committee have some other talks on hand for meetings in the near future.

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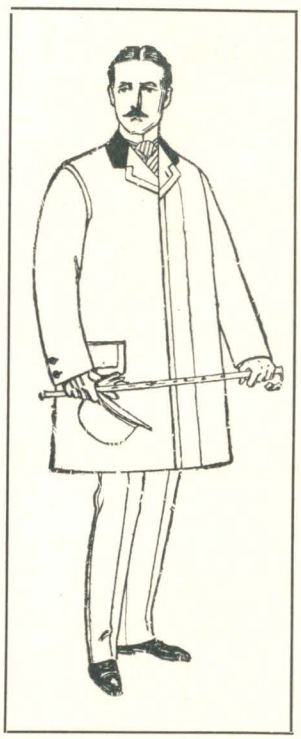

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Scholarship for Declamation

It is barely possible that the winner of the Declamation Contest may get a three months' scholarship instead of the medal heretofore given. The council has recommended to the faculty that this be done, and the faculty will in all probability adopt the recommendation. It then remains for it to be passed upon by the board of trustees at its March meeting. We believe that the board of trustees will look with favor upon the scheme, which would raise the value of the first prize and thus secure a much better contest.

Settled the War

The Historical Society enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Burdean Stevenson at the home of Rev. Parsons, on the evening of Feb. 9. During the evening the Boer war was effectually disposed of, though no one succeeded in capturing enough of General DeWet to be able to tell anything about him. Mr. Wright told of the history of the South African republics up to the beginning of the present war. Miss Smith presented her paper "The Present War Up to the Capture of Pretoria." Mr. Moffatt told of President Kruger, and Miss Stevenson of President Steyn. General Joubert was handled by Mr. Cowell, and General Cronje by Mr. Cutright.

At the next meeting of the society Miss Sue Williams will read a lengthy paper on "Robert Ingersoll," telling of him as he was known here in Peoria.

Engineering Club

On Jan. 23, Mr. Clay Belsley, M. E., a Cornell graduate, lectured to the Engineering Club on "Construction and Operation of a Municipal Lighting Plant." The lecture was well illustrated and was very interesting and instructive.

Feb. 2, about thirty members of the club went through Kingman's plow factory, under the guidance of Mr. Martin.

The club's social camp fire will be held as usual in Bradley Hall tower on the evening of March 8. If you don't belong you'd better hurry. Arrangements are being made for a trip to the Cellulose Works on the line of the Terminal Railway.

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Exchanges

THE TECH is in receipt of many good papers from other schools. For these the editors have our thanks. One of the best of them is a brand new one, *The Tech,* from the Toledo Polytechnic School, Toledo, Ohio. It has a good name, at least, and a good name is more to be desired than great riches——A change of editors seems to have done the Peoria High School *Opinion* good. The February number is the best number of this paper that THE TECH has ever seen.——Other very good papers are *The Fulcrum, Hedding Graphic, Nebraskan-Hesperian* and *New Collegian.*

"Non paratus," Freshie dixit
Cum a sad and doleful look;
"Alle rechte," Prof. respondit;
"Nihil" scripsit in his book.
—*Hedding Graphic.*

An eastern exchange observes that the farm has taken men from the forge and from the plow share, but that it has never yet reached over a picket fence and yanked a dude out of a hammock.—*Wesleyan Argus.*

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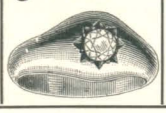
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